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MCC Backs Schwegmann Probe Call

The Metropolitan Crime Commission has urged Lt. Gov. C. C. "Taddy" Aycock to adopt Sen. John G. Schwegmann's resolution for the establishment of a Senate investigatory committee to probe racketeering in Louisiana.

Schwegmann — who put his resolution before the Senate Thursday — yesterday reported that his life was threatened by an anonymous telephone caller.

THE SENATOR reported the caller said, "If you go through with this investigation you will be a dead senator."

MCC President Dr. J. D. Grey yesterday wrote to the lieutenant governor asking for a thorough probe into gambling and prostitution. Grey also questioned the adequacy of the Louisiana State Police to suppress racketeering in the state.

"The overwhelming problems of crime and disorder," said Grey, "demand the application of all available resources in order to bring about changes in laws and procedures which are most likely to change the rising tide of criminality."

HE ADDED that a Senate investigation into the need for new laws challenging the growth of crime would serve the public by examining the scope of organized gambling and prostitution.

The investigation would be extended to cover areas such as narcotics traffic, traffic in firearms, loansharking, and the means by which racketeers victimize and infiltrate legitimate business enterprises.

MORE SHIRMP USED

BOSTON — U.S. shrimp landings of 191 million pounds, record imports of 202 million pounds and above average inventores at the beginning of 1967 made a total of 436 million pounds available to American consumers last year. Consumption was about 290 million pounds, a 6 per cent gain over 1966.